

## REMARKS

Applicants are hereby amending the present divisional application to cancel claims 1-14 and 21-23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants are hereby amending the specification of the present application to indicate that it is a divisional of U.S. Application NO. 09/314,701, and to provide a title which is more consistent with the inventions recited in the non-canceled claims. The amendments deal with formal matters and add no new matter. A document entitled "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" showing the additions as underlined and the deletions in brackets is attached hereto.

By the present amendment, applicants are also adding new claims 24-30. Support for new claim 24 is found in original claims 15 and 16 and on page 8, lines 20-22. Support for new claim 25 is found on line 30 of page 16 through line 19 of page 17, and on page 8, lines 20-22. Support for new claims 26, 27, and 29 is found on page 8, lines 20-22, and page 24, lines 15-16. Support for new claims 28 and 30 is found on line 30 of page 16 through line 19 of page 17, and page 8, lines 20-22.

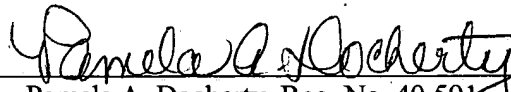
As the amendments and new claims add no new matter, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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[OUTER MEMBRANE PROTEIN OF EHRLICHIA CHAFFEENSIS AND EHRLICHIA CANIS]

DIAGNOSIS OF EHRLICHIA CANIS AND EHRLICHIA CHAFFEENSIS

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of the co-pending, commonly assigned, United States Patent Application Serial No.: 09/314,701, filed on May 19,1999, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application, filed on September 18, 1998.